(vi) the President and vice-President of UPSE, who were brokers did not resign from their posts despite clear directives of SEBI.

(c) to (d) Given the irregularities mentioned above, SEBI exercised the power conferred to it under Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 and the SEBI Act, 1992, and superseded the Board of Uttar Pradesh Stock Exchange for a period of one year with effect for July 12, 2002.

Shri M. N. Sabharwal, IPS (Retd.) has been appointed as an administrator to exercise and perform all the powers and duties of the Governing Board.

Pre-trial disposal of seized drugs

1445. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of seized narcotic drugs lying in the godowns of Narcotics Control Bureau, drug-wise;

(b) whether the concerned Act pride for pre-trial disposal of seized drugs;

(c) if so, the reasons for dely in getting mandatory court approval for early disposal of seized drugs; and

(d) the fresh steps taken to dispose off entire quantity of seized durgs lying in godowns at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The details of the total quantity of narcotic drugs lying in the godowns of the Narcotics Control Bureau are given in the enclosed Statements (*See* below).

(b) Section 52Aof the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 provides for pre-trial disposal of narcotic drugs.

(c) and (d) After completion of the on-going review by the Narcotics Control Bureau of all the drugs lying in its godowns, pre-trial disposal of the drugs can be undertaken with the permission of the courts concerned.

Statement

Details of total quantity of narcotic drugs lying in the godowns of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)

(In kgs.)

Zonal Unit of NCB	Opium	Morphine	Heroin	Ganja	Hashish	Cocaine	Metha-qualone
Delhi	22.476	2.900+18 ampules	526.030	0	452.384	0.208	605.410
Mumbai	5.000	0	151.000	2517.500	301.180	0.750	2202.610
Chennai	18.750	0	308.111	1570.367	0	0	11.300
Ahmedabad	0	0	0	0	599.953	0	0
Chandigarh	23.090	0	8.000	0	97.005	0.003	0
Varanasi	10.576	0.300+24 ampules	11.003	249.075	22.006	0	0
Jodhpur	81.154	0	212.302	0	27.258	0	4.910
Jammu	0	0	15.000	0	9.600	0	0
Kolkata	37.270	0	103.478	7598.628	38.014	0	110152 Tabs+ 0.2kg
TOTAL	198.316	3.200+42 ampules	1334.924	11935.56	1547.396	0.961	2824.43 +110152 Tabs

Acquisition of shares by ONGC in MRPL

1446. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC is planning to buy the BIRLA share of Mangalore Refinery (MRPL);

(b) if so, the progress made so far;

(c) what the price ONGC is planning to offer to MRPL shares; and

(d) the reasons for ONGC diverting its funds into refinery instead of its core business of exploration and development of oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has informed that the Corporation is currently examining various aspects of the prospects of acquisition of